Setting up of Dye Houses in Export Centres for Boosting Handloom Exports

417. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have plans to set up dye houses in the major export centres in order to boost handloom exports;

(b) whether there is any plan to set up a computerised design centre for the production of new designs and colour combinations for the export market; and

(c) what action Government have taken on the action plan prepared by the Handloom Export Promotion Council?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Most of the suggestions contained in the action plan of HEPC require action on the part of the Council itself. However, whenever, the Council needs Government assistance, their proposals are considered on merits.

Loan Waiver for Handloom Weavers

418. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to extend the loan waiver of upto Rs.10,000 to handloom weavers also; and

(b) if so, when the orders are likely to be issued in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Scheme entitled "The Agricultural and Rural Loans Waiver Scheme-1990" already been issued.

419. [*Transferred to the 17th August, 1990*]

Units Seeking Ancillary Status from Visakhapatnam Steel Plant

420. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the units seeking ancillary status from Visakhapatnam Steel Plant and the names of the authorities who sponsored these units;

(b) since when these proposals are pending for consideration; and

(c) what are the reasons for the delay in clearing these units?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) to (c) Seven proposals seeking ancillary supplier status have been received by the Visakhapatnam Steel Project. Of which, five have been sponsored by District Industries Sector, Visakhapatnam, one is under consideration of the Development Officer, Industries Deptt. Govt. of Andhra Pradesh and one has not been sponsored by any authority. Most of the V.S.P. production facilities are still to be commissioned. Requirement of materials/ consumables from ancillary Units cannot be fully known at this stage. It is premature to consider these proposals.

Introduction of Auction System for Non-F.C.V. Tobacco

421. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state what steps have been taken to introduce auction system for non-F.C.V. tobacco under the jurisdiction of Tobacco Board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN): The steps taken to introduce auction system for